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## MOB AND SOLDIERS CLASH AT LEXINGTON WITH SIX DEATHS

### Attempt to Take Negro Rapist and Murderer From Officers Resulted in Bloodshed.

On a country road near Lexington one day last week a black beast named Will Lockett met a little girl, age ten years. He carried Geneva Hardman into the bushes, committed the most horrible crime possible, and then hastened death by crushing the skull of the innocent child with a rock. The child was missed from school, toward which her little feet were taking her when the black demon was encountered. Schoolmates of Geneva found her mutilated body partly covered with cornstalks.

Bloodhounds ran the guilty negro down, he was arrested, taken to Lexington, then to Frankfort, where the walls of the penitentiary were called into service for his protection from the scores of enraged men who rushed from Fayette county to Frankfort the same night. The negro confessed his guilt to officers.

Prompt action by the Governor and other officers prevented any outbreak by the mob and they soon dispersed and returned to their homes.

Circuit Judge Kerr at Lexington decided upon speedy action in the matter of a trial. When the question arose as to whether the trial should be held at Lexington or changed to some other county this decision as given by the daily newspaper reports was as follows:

"Governor Morrow left the matter to Judge Kerr as to whether or not the trial should take place in Fayette county."

Judge Kerr's opinion was that in the interest of law and order and the good name of the county, the prisoner should be tried in the same county where the crime was committed.

On Monday the negro was returned to Lexington on a special train guarded by a company of State troops equipped with rifles and machine guns. He was taken to the court house, a jury was quickly accepted, and upon a plea of guilty the jury returned a verdict with penalty of death, and March 11th was fixed as date for execution.

A tremendous crowd was assembled in front of the court house, held at bay by the soldiers. A large number of men from the locality in which the crime was committed were in the crowd. They demanded that the soldiers permit them to pass into the court house and get the negro. The officers warned that they would fire upon the first who attempted to force passage. A big farmer shouted "Let's get him!" The mob surged forward. One man grabbed a machine gun operator and turned the gun over. This man was shot by a soldier. This was the signal for general firing. The machine gun got into action and men fell wounded and dying. The soldiers held their positions and the negro was safe. Additional troops were rushed to Lexington from Camp Taylor by special train and the city was placed under martial law.

On Tuesday night another special train was brought into use and the negro was sent to Eddyville to await execution.

### N. & W. SETTLES DEATH CLAIM OF MRS. GREEN

The estate of Mrs. Grace M. Green, of Louisville, who met death with her husband, the Rev. R. B. Green, in a railroad wreck in Montgomery county, W. Va., December 18, 1919, will receive \$5,000 from the Norfolk & Western Railroad in settlement of the death claim. It was announced by her father, Clem Schuffeld, in applying for letters of administration in County Court yesterday.

Mr. Schuffeld said no agreement had been reached in regard to the death of the Rev. Mr. Green. The latter carried life insurance of \$1,000 payable to his wife and this sum also will be paid to her estate. It was the only heir at law of his daughter.

### THE ICE PLANT.

Work on the Lobaco ice plant has been delayed by shortage of bricklayers but is making some progress right along. The railroad siding is being installed.

Two engines of 75 horsepower each will be installed. Another electric generator of large capacity will be put in with a view to insuring current day and night to consumers of electricity in Louisa. With the two units there will be steady and reliable service.

## NOTICE

### To the Farmers of Lawrence County:

There will be a mass meeting at one o'clock p. m. Saturday, Feb. 14th, at the County Agent's office for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization of the Lawrence County Farmers' Bureau. There will be present at that time speakers that are well able to tell us what this Bureau is and that it is not a thing that we place in our bedroom with drawers in it and a glass on top, but it may be equally as beneficial. Mr. Farmer, this organization hasn't any strings on it. It will be run entirely by you and for you. Come on—let us turn it loose.

J. H. McCLURE, Temp. Sec.

## Wedding of Prominent People in Prestonsburg

On last Tuesday morning a wedding occurred in Prestonsburg in which the principals were members of two families standing high in the social circles of the old and classic capital of Floyd county.

Miss Ruth Archer and Mr. Henry Patrick took the vows of church and state which will bind their lives as one "until death do part." They left immediately after the ceremony for a trip to some of the larger cities, after which they will return to Prestonsburg and "settle down."

The bride is one of the attractive daughters of Mr. G. P. Archer, the well known banker and coal operator. She is very popular and quite accomplished. The groom is the only son of Judge Patrick, Circuit Judge of that district. He is a young man of ability and promise.

## Trip to Frankfort Has Been Postponed

The committees appointed by several counties to try to get legislation bearing upon the sale of gas will appear in Frankfort next Tuesday instead of Friday of this week. It was learned that the Legislature would not be in session Friday or Saturday.

A meeting at Ashland was held Thursday of this week by a few delegates and attorneys to decide upon the best course of action to take at Frankfort. Mayor Augustus Snyder, Attorneys R. C. McClure and W. T. Cain and Col. Jay H. Northrup attended.

## CIRCUIT COURT BEGAN MONDAY

Circuit Court convened Monday with Judge Allan N. Clason presiding and with Attorneys Vaughn and D. L. Thompson looking after the interests of the Commonwealth.

The jury is as follows: PETIT JURY—George Short, Joe Cyrus, Lonzo Estep, A. M. Hughes, H. E. Evans, Clayton Thompson, D. C. Hughes, Mont See, James Vinson, Dolie Hinkle, C. H. Fannin, Green Hayes, C. B. Crutcher, Clint Skaggs, R. A. Stone, Liss Carey, John Vaughan, Sam See, Jeff Ball, Geo. McReynolds, J. W. Elkins, J. K. Fuller, Hex Miller, W. L. Lowe, A. J. Ward, John A. Frazier, Wm. Justice, Moses Hickman.

GRAND JURY—John L. Vaughan, foreman; Lish Jobe, Mack Preese, Chas. Hinkle, A. J. Burton, Liss Carey, John A. J. Roberts, Elmer Billups, Liss Prince, John D. Adkins, John Hughes, Bill Howell.

Only misdemeanor cases have been tried. The first felony case called was that against Joe Delong, Thursday and on account of the absence of attorney A. J. May was passed until Monday.

### MRS. HENRY ELDERMAN DIES.

Mrs. H. P. Elderman passed away Wednesday at Ashland. For the past three years she had suffered from carcinoma, but was able to be about the house continuing her usual industrious life until last Friday.

She was a native of Ohio, born and reared at Ottawa, her maiden name being Lizzie Brown. She was twice married, her first husband, Mr. Jas. Lovejoy, died, leaving no family.

Twenty years ago she was married to Mr. H. P. Elderman. Of this union one daughter, Thelma, sixteen years of age, survives at home with her father, who has been for several years almost an invalid from rheumatism.

Two sons of Mr. Elderman's former marriage are living, and are prosperous business men of the west. James is in Wisconsin, and Andrew, who was formerly connected with the Independent, is now located in Montana.

Thursday morning the body was taken to Fallburg for burial.

### PENNSYLVANIA CRUDE OIL GOES TO \$5.50 A BARREL

Pittsburgh.—Pennsylvania crude oil was advanced 25 cents a barrel to \$5.50 by the principal agencies before the opening of the market here. Other grades were unchanged. It is the third advance within two months and according to authorities, was due to increased demands upon the available supply.

### ACCIDENT IN OIL FIELD.

Wm. F. Wilson and Clarence Ramey were injured while pulling the rods from an oil well for the New Domain Saturday evening, two miles below Louisa. Neither is seriously hurt. They expect to be all right again within a short time. Ramey was at first thought to be dead, but soon regained consciousness. He moved here from West Virginia about a month ago.

### REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival at the Baptist Church is meeting with considerable success. The interest is increasing. Several conversions are reported and some additions to the church have been made. Services each night.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Leonard Kelley, 21, to Mary Triplett, 17, of Cherokee and Blovin. James M. Green, 26, to Virginia Arrington, 20, of Blaine and Cordell.

### DR. H. H. SPARKS.

Dr. Sparks, the dentist, has returned and is again at his office. This notice is for the benefit of his patients who desire work done.

## Kentucky Coal Operators Withdraw From Conference

Washington.—After the coal strike settlement commission had agreed to render a decision as to making the 14-per cent wage increase retroactive to October 1, in the Kentucky fields, the Kentucky operators' association refused to submit to the jurisdiction of the commission and withdrew from the hearing.

Claim of the Kentucky miners that the award should be made retroactive was based on the contention that the mines in Kentucky were operated on practically a 100-per cent basis throughout the strike. What action the commission will take in the case is uncertain.

## GREAT DEAL OF SICKNESS IN LOUISA AND VICINITY

Numbered among the sick are Dan Riffe, Dr. F. A. Millard, wife and child, C. P. See, Jr., M. H. Johns and family, Zeb Heston and wife, Miss Hattie Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Will K. Hays, Miss Ellen Hughes, Miss Alva Snyder, Mrs. J. L. Richmond, Miss Hattie Carter and Dorothy Bell.

There is so much illness that we can not get a full report and therefore are not attempting it.

Miss Edith Marcum had a very sudden attack Monday evening and was quite sick for two days, but is now much better.

Dr. Martin, of Ironton, Ohio, was called to Louisa Wednesday in consultation with Dr. York and Dr. Bromley in the case of Mrs. Jas. L. Carey who has been seriously ill the past few days with peritonitis. Her condition is slightly improved.

There are four cases of pneumonia at the home of M. H. Johns. They are the son and daughter of S. J. Preese, of Madge, who are students here. Mr. and Mrs. Preese were called here by their illness and both became ill while nursing the cases of the children.

### CEREDO MAN DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS OF PNEUMONIA

Fred Johnson, aged 40, died at his home in Ceredo after a brief illness of pneumonia, which followed an attack of influenza. Mr. Johnson who was a member of a well known Wayne county family, had been an employee of the N. & W. railway at Kenova for many years. He was esteemed for his uprightness and for the kindness of his nature and his treatment of his associates. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity and one of the most devoted of its members in this section of the state.

He was married to Miss Oma Walker and is survived by her and their four children: Mrs. C. I. Strout, Miss Jeanette and Fred and Walter Johnson. The funeral occurred Thursday at the old family homestead on Dock's Creek.

### JOHN H. EADS, WELL KNOWN CONDUCTOR, DIES IN ASHLAND

John H. Eads, 58 years old, died in Ashland last Sunday of pneumonia. He had been in the service of the C. & O. railroad as conductor on the Big Sandy train since November 10, 1916. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Frank, who is in London, England, and John, at home. Burial took place at Milton, W. Va., Tuesday afternoon.

He was conductor on the Lexington division several years.

## BOY DIES ENROUTE TO A HOSPITAL

A sad occurrence shocked the passengers on C. & O. train No. 59 while at the Paintsville depot Tuesday evening of this week.

The little son of Sid Webb died unexpectedly just before the train started from the station. He had been brought on a cot and placed in the baggage car to be taken to a hospital.

Death came very suddenly and a young woman came through the cars calling for the little boy's mother, who had been sent to the chair car in the rear. The child was 10 or 12 years old and had been ill only since last Saturday. He was injured while playing, but it is thought he had appendicitis. Mr. Webb is proprietor of one of the leading hotels in Paintsville and has been a prominent business man there for years.

### DIES SUDDENLY.

W. E. Robinson, of Grayson, died suddenly Wednesday while visiting his daughter Mrs. W. W. Green at Ashland. He was 64 years old and was born at Willard.

### MAYSVILLE GETS CONVENTION

At a meeting of the Republican Committee of the Ninth District held at Mt. Sterling last Saturday it was decided that the Republican Convention would be held in Maysville on Tuesday, March 2.

### ROBT. O'BRIEN DEAD.

Word has been received here that Robert, son of Mrs. Billy O'Brien, who moved a short time ago from Walbridge to a place near Cincinnati, died after a few days illness of influenza. It is said the burial will take place there.

Mr. R. H. Amburgey, of Hindman, was here this week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Baker. Mr. Amburgey was County Court Clerk of Knott county for 12 years, which is good proof of his high standing and popularity at home.

## ENGINEERS WANTED FOR OUR ROADS

### Surveys Finished in Pike County and Started in Floyd.

The State Road Department promised Judge Riffe, more than a month ago, to send engineers into this county very soon to make surveys for the roads that the people voted the bond issue to build. Nothing more has been heard from Frankfort.

The NEWS this week sent an urgent inquiry to Frankfort for information on this point, but no reply had been received up to the time of going to press.

State engineers have completed surveys in Pike county and are now at work in Floyd.

Effort should be directed toward getting additional engineers for work in this county at the earliest possible date. The surveys and maps will require considerable time and nothing can be done toward contracting the work until the maps and specifications are ready. It is the desire of the people that work be started as early in the season as possible.

This matter of building good roads is the one thing above all others in which there must be the fullest co-operation of officials and everybody in any way connected with the great enterprise. All the little jealousies and differences must be laid aside if the greatest measure of success is to attend this work. Help the court and all who carry any part of the great burden and responsibility that goes along with this heavy task. To do the job well they will need all the help possible to get.

### W. J. VAUGHAN HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED BY NEWSPAPER

The following is from the Mt. Sterling Advocate:

People who do not go to church often miss a good thing. But as they don't know what they miss, maybe it is a waste of time to tell them about it. It is like telling people who do not read what a fine article appeared in a late review, or what a helpful book some author has recently produced. Anyway what we started out to say is that folks in Mt. Sterling who don't go to church (and beyond doubt they constitute the overwhelming majority of the town's population), missed a mighty good thing last Sunday. A visitor came to our little city whose name is Vaughan—W. J. Vaughan—We understand he represents an organization called the Kentucky Sunday School Association. He spoke to about one hundred and twenty people at what the church folks call a "union service". We wonder where the other fifteen hundred or more members were! The Sunday school man proved to be no ordinary individual. He showed himself a very forceful character. In simple, chaste and winsome language, he told of religious conditions in the mountains of Kentucky. He is himself a product of education in the mountains, and is of an fine blood as the state can boast. He related stories of mountain life; of barefooted boys and girls developing into splendid and useful men and women (some of them attaining nation-wide reputation); that held his audience spell-bound—appealing stories, stories full of human interest. He told them well, gracefully and strikingly as "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," or "The White Cow," ever dared to be. If his whole soul weren't wrapped up in his work as a missionary, and he were to court literary success instead, he could write a book of mountain life that would rank with the best work of John Fox or James Lane Allen, or anybody else. He would—but oh, what's the use. We said at the outset, some folks won't go to church, and don't know what they miss.

There is a railroad in the Big Sandy Valley known as the Big Sandy Division of the C. & O. Railway company, which connects with the C. C. & O. railway line at Elkhorn City, twenty three miles above Pikeville, near the Virginia line, and this C. C. & O. line extends from Elkhorn City to Spartanburg, South Carolina, where it connects with other lines extending to the seaboard at Charleston, South Carolina.

It will thus be seen that the two lines of railway extending from Ashland, Ky., to Spartanburg, South Carolina, constitute one trunk line, a distance of several hundred miles, through the "breaks" of Cumberland mountain, connecting the section north and south by direct line, and accordingly shortening the distance necessarily to be traveled between said sections by rail by going through the mountain instead of around it as is done by many other lines of railway between these sections.

These lines extend through territory of great commercial importance, and the most wonderful, beautiful and sublime natural scenery in the world. No through passengers go, or could, travel over these lines between said points, there being no through schedule, and no diners or pullmans.

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Now compare this with a parallel line.

From Williamson, W. Va., to Kenova, the distance is 98 miles, and No. 15 passenger train over the N. & W. line makes this distance in about two hours and ten minutes, Kenova being the first stop after leaving Williamson. This train runs 98 miles in three hours less time than the C. & O. Big Sandy runs 111 miles.

We should first petition the C. & O. for relief, and failing in this go before the state and national railway commissions and demand it.

The railways are yet under government control, and will be until the first day of March, and any complaint here made for the lack of service will more especially apply after the roads go back to private ownership, since this government has been strenuously engaged for the last few years in preserving the honor and integrity of its flag.

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The price of oil is still \$3.25 in this field. The Pennsylvania grade has had two increases since this price was fixed, which is an unusual occurrence.

### GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

Dr. W. H. Burgess, our doctor neighbor on our right, has just recently written his check for \$500 for the new Methodist church and subscribed an additional \$1,000 to be paid at a later date.—Williamson Republican.

## Big Change in School Laws Is Contemplated

Frankfort, Ky.—The first decisive step of several proposed to take Kentucky's schools out of politics was taken by the Senate when it passed by a vote of 44 to 2 a bill that would enable County Boards of Education to name county school superintendents, the superintendents in turn to name county school teachers.

The measure provides for a minimum levy of 25 cents in each county in Kentucky for school purposes.

If enacted, the system of electing county school superintendents, by vote of the people will have been thrown into the discard.

Considerable opposition was voiced against that section of the bill providing for a minimum levy of 25 cents. Under the present law the maximum levy is 30 cents. There is no minimum.

### A LITTLE SON OF ANDY NEW DIES

The many friends of Andy New, now of Chattahoochee, W. Va., will be pained to learn of the death of his little son, which occurred a few days ago as the result of pneumonia. He was sick only a short time.

### 28 TO 42 AGE LIMITS FOR STATE PRISON GUARDS

Frankfort, Ky.—Hereafter prison guards must be between the ages of 28 and 42. Chairman Hines, State Board of Control, announced that the board will not consider applications for appointments that do not come within the age requirements.

## THROUGH TRAINS DUE BIG SANDY

(The following timely article comes to us from Pikeville.)

All railroads are Public Service Corporations, being common carriers of freight, express and passengers, and as such they are possessed with the authority of the state to condemn even a fee simple title to land, necessary for their rights of way in their construction and operation, thus making individual titles subject to the public good and welfare; and since the people of the state and nation, railway commissions are maintained in each state, and in the nation, also, to see to it that the railroads render proper service to the people.

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## Draft Evader and Moonshiners in West Va.

Charleston, W. Va.—Twenty-seven officers and men of the State Department of Public Safety are searching Mingo county for Albert McCloud, alleged draft evader, who has been sought by the authorities for two years. A reward of \$500 is offered for his arrest. Moonshiners in Logan county are being sought also. This announcement was made by Colonel Jackson Arnold, Superintendent of the Public Safety Department.

Colonel Arnold stated that he had established sub-patrol stations of the department with five men in charge at each place, near Beckley, in Raleigh county, and at Welch, in McDowell county.

The force of state police were sent to the two southern counties on the following information from Colonel Arnold:

"The Superintendent is in receipt of many complaints from Logan and Mingo counties. The complaints from Mingo county have particular reference to the alleged depredations of one Albert McCloud, for whose capture I understand there is a reward of \$500 offered. This is a condition which must not exist, and it is the desire of the Superintendent to use every effort to bring the apprehension of Albert McCloud."

"There is also complaint about moonshining on a large scale on the headwaters of Harco creek and Twelve Pole creek, Logan county. It is alleged that one Jerry Sawyers is operating a moonshine still at his home on Rich creek, about four miles above Omar. It is alleged that John T. Vance is backing him in his enterprise. There is likewise said to be moonshining on Mud Fork, Logan county."

Albert McCloud, who is sought in Mingo county, is alleged to have killed two deputy sheriffs in 1919, when efforts were made to arrest him as a draft evader.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### METHODIST CHURCHES MERGE, WITH REV. BOSTWICK, P. C.

We see by a newspaper from Breckenridge, Mo., that four Methodist churches have merged into two, and that Rev. A. C. Bostwick, formerly of Louisa, is pastor of the church at Breckenridge.

The article says: An agreement between the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church whereby the Southern Methodists withdrew from Breckenridge, Mo., and the "Methodist Episcopal" withdrew from Albany, Mo., uniting the two congregations at each place, has just become effective through the approval of the bishops of the two Missouri conferences.

The Rev. A. C. Bostwick, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church at Breckenridge the last three weeks, will continue in the pastorate there. Mr. Bostwick recently was transferred to Missouri from West Virginia. The Rev. Proctor Meredith Hamm, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Breckenridge, has been transferred to Albany and has taken up the pastorate there.

Under the agreement promulgated last week the Southern Methodists will dispose of their church property at Breckenridge and the Methodists of their property at Albany and the proceeds will be turned into the conference funds for church extension.

### WALBRIDGE AND HOLT

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Peters entertained with a birthday party on Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Vessie Marie. Several were present and the guests were pleasantly entertained until a late hour with games and music.

Rev. B. C. Reid preached here Saturday night and Sunday. He left an appointment for the third Saturday and Sunday in this month.

Misses Shirley Wray and Lucille Wallace, of Richardson, Miss Jock See, Otis Ferrell and Henry See were Sunday guests of Miss Marie Holt.

Misses Anna and Blanche Frazier, of Fort Gay, were guests of Miss Vessie Peters Saturday and visited friends at Hilltop Farm Sunday.

Walter Wilson, of Beaver Creek, spent the week-end with friends here. G. G. Peters and son Lawrence recently visited home folks.

Misses Nella and Myrtle York, of Portsmouth, visited relatives here Sunday.

Irby Hensley recently returned from a visit to Portsmouth, Ironton and Lexington.

The recent rains and high water has damaged the farm lands, on river banks—the roads and bridges. The banks are breaking in many places. The roads are almost impassable and the bridge just above G. G. Peter's is very dangerous, also the Donithon bridge is reported to be dangerous. Something should be done. The backwater from Big Sandy was about five feet in gas plant here.

Several cases of deep colds and threatened influenza in and around this community. Some country revival meetings are being held and others planned to begin soon. Some one should stop the congregating of crowds until it is safe as we all know that diseases are more rapidly spread in a crowd.

### SECO MAKES APPEAL TO CAPITAL FOR DOCTORS